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## ASSESSORS CHOOSE ACCREDITATION

### CRITERIA AND ETHICS ARE SET

Alberta's assessors have started a five-year program designed to upgrade the qualification of their members, establish a code of ethics and to generally gain more public support for their objective of professional status for the municipal assessor. This was the principal result of their seventh annual convention held at the Highlander Motor Hotel in Calgary, April 19-20.

220 of the Association's 283 voting members and non-voting associate members attended. Voting members provide an assessment service for the municipalities in Alberta and are employed variously by the municipalities, the province, or independent agencies. There are about 30 associate members. The associate members are generally employed by industrial and commercial ratepayers and their knowledge in assessments tends to be narrower or more specialized in the matters peculiar to their industrial or commercial fields.

#### Snow Storm and Cold Weather

Cold weather and a heavy snow storm featured the Conference's opening day, April 19. Deputy Minister A.W. Morrison of the Department of Municipal Affairs, was the first speaker with greetings on behalf of the Province and Alderman Marion Law delivered a welcome from Calgary, the host city. Mayor Dennis Burt of Cardston extended fraternal greetings from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and Reeve Cliff Doan of Red Deer, President of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties expressed the good wishes of his association.

#### Gray of Toronto says Assessors not just "Whipping Boys"

A. J. B. Gray, Assessment Commissioner of Toronto, also spoke on the first day and told the delegates they must find a way to inform the public that municipal assessors do not levy taxes and so should not be used as the "whipping boys" for the complaints of taxpayers.

Mr. Gray, also president of the International Association of Assessing Officers, said assessors agree that taxes being levied today are a burden, but this is not the responsibility of the assessor.

"That is the responsibility of those who have the power to spend and with it the power to control spending" he added. He contended that many assessors believe that unless there is a halt to spending or unless there is an increase in the rentals or sales values sufficient to support municipal taxation, including school and many of the other tax exempt properties, assessment values will be affected and begin to show a decline.

There are many critics trying to discredit the assessor, he added, by blaming him for their tax burdens because they believe that certain inequities exist in assessment.

"But any amount of revenue obtained through curing of these inequities would never provide any appreciable amount of new revenue to make a worthwhile reduction in the tax levy.

The only cure, he said, is to relieve the property owner of taxes which are needed to support items that are not solely and mainly a municipal responsibility.

Mr. Gray mentioned housing, welfare and education as three points that should not be supported from municipal taxes, but through funds from the senior governments.

The problem of rapidly rising property taxes, he contended, is a problem facing all large North American centres, including Calgary, and can only be overcome by "controlling spending or (to page 3)

### DMA BUDGET IS INCREASED

#### ... FOR HOUSING AND URBAN RENEWAL

Estimated expenditures for the Department of Municipal Affairs for 1967-68 are \$13,125,590, an increase of \$5,017,570 over 1966-67.

Under The Alberta Housing Act, provision has been made for the Province to pay \$1,500,000 towards subsidized housing. A further sum of \$3,500,000 has been included in the estimates towards the acquisition and clearing of land for urban renewal. This latter sum may be wholly or partially recoverable if the new development proves to be profitable. Several areas are under study for both of these projects.

The Municipal Winter Works Incentive Program will again receive \$4,500,000. This sum will pay for 75% of labour costs on approved projects and 2/3 of the amount spent will be . . . (To Page 7)

### THE PROUD AND THE PRETTY



ALBERTA ASSESSORS AND THEIR LADIES concluded their 1967 annual conference in Calgary, April 20, with a banquet and dance held in a gala atmosphere at the Highlander Motor Hotel. Regional affiliations were apparent by the costumes worn. Californians and other southerners were resplendent in their western garb. Here we see a group of cheechakos from Edmonton, the boomtown of Klondyke days. (L to R) Sam and Margaret Grimson, Doug and Esther McColl, Mel and Alice Threadgold, Rene and Alice Gagne, Rene and Claudette Cote. Mrs. Gagne and Mrs. Cote were judged to be wearing the best costumes. (Photo by J. Lewko - Calgary)

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CANADIAN

QUOTES and PHRASES



"Montreal will not be plagued by lack of imagination in making its preparations for Expo '67."

Mayor Jean Drapeau of Montreal in Paris, 1963

## MONTREAL

The world's millions are swarming to see the results of one of the greatest dreams ever dreamed by any municipal administration in Canada - Montreal's Universal and International Exhibition - "Expo '67". This island municipality, as fruit of its own municipal initiative, has become a World City where Man and his World meet for six months in circumstances outclassing all previous world efforts. A prodigious accomplishment for the municipal administration! Municipal people everywhere in our Canada must surely feel occasional twinges of envy. With these thoughts in mind, we decided to dig out a few statistics and a little of the history relating to this remarkable Canadian municipality.

Montreal is on an island in the St. Lawrence River. The island was heavily forested and the site of Hochelaga, a palisaded Iroquois village of fifty houses when first discovered by European Jacques Cartier in October, 1535. Hochelaga soon disappeared and the island itself dropped from recorded history for over a century. The present city was founded by Paul de Chomedey, Sieur de Maisonneuve in May, 1642. It became a market for furs from the West, and the point of departure for missionaries and explorers who journeyed as far as the Rocky Mountains and the Gulf of Mexico. Those adventurers made their mark on the entire North American continent. For example: Marquette and Jolliet discovered the Mississippi in 1673, Cavalier de La Salle reached the Gulf of Mexico and named the territory Louisiana, Du Luth explored the Lake Superior region and traded with Indians at the place which still bears his name; Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne founded the cities of Biloxi, Mobile and New Orleans; Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac founded Detroit city. La Verendrye and his sons got to the Rockies, Pierre LaCelle founded St. Louis, in Missouri, Dubuque gave his name to a city in Iowa. Menard founded Galveston, Texas and Francois Bissot de Vincennes the city of Vincennes, Indiana.

Old city buildings representative of this period are not transformed into museums but are being restored and fitted into an appropriate setting. The ancient Church of Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours is becoming once again a centre of public attention. Thus is preserved the special quality given them by their builders, French and English. The fact that American forces occupied the city for eight months in 1775 is not forgotten.

For almost three centuries Montreal was synonymous with a small section of the island, a compact breed of town with recognizable boundaries. Beyond Mount Royal, the farmlands and orchards lingered on, a pleasant rural setting for holiday outings. When the English captured Montreal in 1760 it had 4,000 inhabitants. Thirty years later Montreal had become the metropolis of Canada with 18,000. From 1841 to 1849 it was the country's capital. The 100,000 mark was passed in 1860. Since 1945, expansion has taken in most of the island with only a few small communities remaining separate and independent of the city administration. There are now 936 miles of streets and 1,775 miles of sidewalk.

In navigation, Montreal is a turntable on the farthest bound of ocean voyages giving way to lake passage and a terminus of the Sea-way from the Great Lakes.

The official Expo Guide adds the following description:

"Trains and planes alike converge on Montreal. Centre of operations of the continent's largest and third largest railroads, the city is a terminal for 15 international airlines. The two organizations with world-wide responsibility for controlling commercial aviation,

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"Montreal is the banking and financial centre of Canada. It is headquarters for two of the country's three principal banks and of the country's most important insurance company. Here also are based some of the most important organizations engaged in exploiting Canada's natural resources.

"Montreal represents 60% of the total economy of Quebec. Hundreds of manufacturing plants (475 in 1966) are established each year in the area. There are now 5,500 such plants with an annual business turnover of \$5,000 million plus. Six regional oil refineries with an output of 335,000 barrels a day, process 30.1% of all the gasoline refined in Canada. To Canadian, British and American capital active here, can now be added French, Italian, Belgian, Dutch and others representing an annual investment of \$30 million.

"Population, now at 2,600,000, increases by some 87,000 a year; the labor force by about 3.2% each year. It is an intellectual and artistic centre with three universities, La Place des Arts and numerous theatres: it is French and North American."

The city administration first started thinking of hosting Expo '67 when it was learned in 1962 that Moscow would pass up its turn for staging the World Exhibition. Tokyo could have been considered as an alternate to Moscow but said it couldn't be ready in time. Early in 1963, Montreal sent Mayor Jean Drapeau, first to Ottawa, then to Paris, with a bid for the great show. Salesman Drapeau got the order! And then the municipal administration started to work!

Costs were calculated. Financial help was sought and obtained from the senior governments; federal (50 per cent) Quebec (37 1/2 per cent) Montreal (12 1/2 per cent). A planning and management team was established. Called the "Canadian Corporation for the 1967 World Exhibition" it was charged with developing and promoting the exhibition as well as management of the end product, a going-concern.

The city undertook to develop the site (two islands and a pier in the river). A new, \$213 million, 16.1 mile 'Metro' subway was tunneled through rock under the city to transport the millions of Expo goers visiting the downtown area. With 26 stations and 369 coaches it moves 60,000 passengers in each of three directions, at intervals of 90 seconds. The two river islands were built in ten months in 1963 with over 15 million tons of rock and earth fill, some of it dredged up from the river but most of it hauled from the subway excavations in trucks that roared along the city streets 24 hours a day.

New bridges, a spaghetti pattern of elevated highways, and a theatre complex, Place des Arts, were constructed.

To provide an upstream system of ice control, they even had Expo innovators build a 6,693-foot ice boom to keep the thundering tons of springtime flocks from smashing into the new islands.

Vast urban renewal schemes were undertaken and completed. These transformed the downtown area and among them, the new Place Ville Marie with its high buildings, artistic subway stations, underground businesses and shopping concourses, reputedly makes the downtown area the most spectacular civic showplace of North America.

All of these works were planned and completed as programmed within a very tight time-table. There can be no doubt that great imagination, energy and ability must be present in a city administration when it fulfills these great things in so short a time.

Well done, Montreal!

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by increased grants-in-aid to municipalities or by reduction in municipal responsibility.

Mr. Gray emphasized that there is a need for the assessor to continue efforts to improve the assessment practice so that taxpayers can realize they are being fairly treated in the evaluation determined by the assessor and that they are paying only their fair share of the total tax levy.

#### Professor Sees Farmland Values Rising Steeply

Main speaker on the second day, Professor Hadley Van Vliet, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, U of S, told assessors to expect a continuing sharp rise in farmland values. A science revolution is beginning in the agricultural fields, he said. The revolution is forcing a fast pace of increasing land productivity. This increased productivity, together with other outside land-rise pressures; such as urban, commercial, speculative, industrial and wild life; did combine to bring about what he estimated to be a \$750,000,000 capital gain in land values in Alberta alone in 1966. Farm Buildings, Machinery, Property under Development as Farmland

Alberta Assessment Commissioner, J.B. Laidlaw of Edmonton, explained that the new Municipal and Taxation Act is a consolidation of provisions previously found in five different Acts. Except for a couple of items already operative, the Act will be effective July 1, 1967. He drew members' special attention to some of the changes and new provisions effecting farm buildings, machinery foundations and property under development as farmland.

Farmland Supervisor, Henry Gerlock of Edmonton spoke on "Fair Actual Value" standards as applied in the Assessment of lands used for other than agricultural purposes in rural municipalities.

#### New Assessment Manual in Use by October

R.J. (Bob) Patry, Provincial Assessment Research Supervisor, reported on progress with the new Assessment Manual. He said the new manual is now ready and he expects it to be issued and prescribed for general use in October. In the meantime, some municipalities, notably the City of Red Deer, have sought and received permission to use it for guidance in conducting their own general assessments now underway.

Several seminars have been held to study its provisions and use. One is being organized for Edmonton during the week of May 23-26 and it is expected a further study session will be organized for Calgary after the manual is published.

#### Two New Directors

In a business session, on the second day, Vergel Braunberger of Morrin was elected a rural director for two years and John Dawson of Lethbridge was elected a director-at-large for a similar term.

Officers of the Association; President Peter Cormack of Calgary, Vice-President R. Pearce of Medicine Hat, Treasurer V.E. Aldridge and Secretary A.J. (Barney) Barnett of Calgary; all have one year left of their two-year terms.

#### Assessor's to be "Accredited"

In other business, delegates agreed on an immediate start for a program of up-grading assessing standards. One of the first steps in their new program is to be the appointment of a five-member Accreditation Committee consisting of two senior assessors from the Department of Municipal Affairs, one representative from the Extension Department of the University of Alberta, and two active members from the Association.

The Committee will have the power to grant accreditation in 1967 to any member in good standing when the Committee is satisfied he is:

- 21 years of age
- A Canadian citizen
- Bondable
- Holding a Municipal Assessment Course Certificate from the University of Alberta, Extension Department
- Actively working at municipal property assessment in Alberta with at least four year's experience in the work, and
- Able to provide six references suitable to the Committee.

Any member in good standing who is unable to meet these requirements in 1967, may be accepted as a "Candidate" for accreditation if, in the opinion of the Committee, he may reasonably be able to meet these standards within five years of the date of his 1967 application.

After January 1, 1968, an applicant will also need a Grade XII (Alberta) High School diploma or equivalent before he may be accepted as a candidate for accreditation. And by January 1, 1972, the program calls for a person to have an acceptance from a univer-

sity before he may be eligible for registration as a candidate.

When a member has been granted accreditation by the Committee, he may then be known as an "Accredited Municipal Assessor" in Alberta.

#### A Five-Year Limit

Failure to receive accreditation within five years will result in a cancelled candidacy.

#### Code of Ethics

A Code of Ethics was adopted. Members viewed this as another step upward on their climb to professional status.

#### Salaries and Fringe Benefits

The executive was directed to appoint a Committee to make a cross-Canada study in the area of assessor's salaries and fringe benefits.

#### E.F. Breach Named Life Member

Mr. E.F. Breach of Edmonton, Chairman of the Communal Property Control Board and one-time chairman of the Alberta Assessment Appeal Board was named a life member of the Association. There are 30 life members. Dues-paying life members have full voting and other privileges.

#### Ladies Tour Banff

44 of the members' ladies enjoyed a day trip by bus to Banff. Calgary Again Next Year

President Peter Cormack and members of his executive from Calgary were given a hearty vote of thanks for their excellent conference arrangements. The Association will return to Calgary for the 1968 conference.

## an **ASSESSOR'S** **CODE** of **ETHICS**

(As adopted by the Alberta Assessor's Association, April 20, 1967)

#### A MEMBER SHALL:

- Conform to the Code of Ethics and the Constitution, By-laws and Resolutions of the Alberta Assessor's Association as the same may be amended from time to time.
- Fulfill the obligations of his office and membership with dignity, discretion and honesty.

#### IT IS UNETHICAL FOR AN ASSESSOR TO:

- Advance his membership or candidacy in the Association as evidence of professional qualification.
- Undertake assessments for which he is not fully qualified by reason of his lack of education, experience or ability.
- Contravene the provisions of the legislation under which an assessor is bound.
- Record a biased assessment to the prejudice or favour of the municipality or the ratepayer.
- Fail to hold as confidential his opinion of value, the contents of reports and records or other findings unless demanded by due process of law.
- Fail to report to the Association conduct by any member that may be considered unethical.
- Knowingly injure directly or indirectly the professional reputation of another member.

## **MUNICIPAL MAP IS REVISED**

The 1967 revision of the municipal map of Alberta is now available.

The map is in two sheets (a southern and a northern) on a scale of 12 miles to 1 inch. The 'south' sheet covers the portion of the province from the 49th parallel north to a line above Whitecourt, Westlock and Bonnyville. The 'north' sheet covers the remainder of the province.

All Municipal District, County, Improvement District and Special Area boundaries are printed on the map. Cities, towns, villages and summer villages are shown. Hamlets, settlements, Indian reserves, Metis colonies, parks and forest reserves are also indicated.

The map is available from the Department of Municipal Affairs, 10363 - 108 Street, Edmonton, at \$1.00 per sheet.



1966 AND 1967

# EQUALIZED MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS

## PREPARED BY THE ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD

• J. B. LAIDLAW, Chairman

• DONALD A. BANCROFT, Member

• R. L. CROSS, Secretary-Member

WHEREAS under provisions of Section 21 of The Municipalities Assessment and Equalization Act, being Chapter 61 of the 1957 Statutes as amended, the Board is, in each year, required to determine an equalized assessment in respect of each and every municipality in the Province.

NOW THEREFORE We, the Alberta Assessment Equalization Board, do order that the equalized assessment for the year 1967, in respect to the municipalities listed herewith, be in the amount as set out opposite the name on each of the said municipalities.

### EQUALIZED ASSESSMENTS OF ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES

| CITIES         | 1966             | 1967             |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Calgary        | \$ 596,196,927   | \$ 624,591,858   |
| Camrose        | 14,300,904       | 14,955,599       |
| Drumheller     | 5,516,218        | 6,085,891        |
| Edmonton       | 627,841,525      | 658,604,153      |
| Grande Prairie | 16,555,018       | 17,243,452       |
| Lethbridge     | 65,789,665       | 66,174,138       |
| Lloydminster   | 4,783,441        | 6,521,620        |
| Medicine Hat   | 46,668,944       | 47,564,584       |
| Red Deer       | 39,389,908       | 41,157,181       |
| Wetaskiwin     | 9,539,399        | 9,745,031        |
| Total          | \$ 1,426,581,949 | \$ 1,492,643,507 |

| TOWNS             | 1966               | 1967         |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Athabasca         | \$ 1,926,323       | \$ 1,859,377 |
| Barhead           | 3,666,820          | 3,905,342    |
| Bashaw            | 950,904            | 1,031,441    |
| Bassano           | 1,015,355          | 1,042,678    |
| Beaverlodge       | 1,182,016          | 1,270,575    |
| Black Diamond     | 785,907            | 793,731      |
| Blairmore         | 1,884,379          | 1,872,190    |
| Bonnyville        | 2,612,910          | 2,654,907    |
| Bow Island        | 1,481,448          | 1,515,460    |
| Brooks            | 4,401,519          | 4,747,208    |
| Calmar            | 776,038            | 777,094      |
| Canmore           | 1,481,639          | 1,565,933    |
| Cardston          | 3,311,725          | 3,331,331    |
| Carstairs         | 877,310            | 920,389      |
| Castor            | 1,329,152          | 1,341,937    |
| Clovesholm        | 2,881,905          | 2,847,607    |
| Coaldale          | 2,494,413          | 2,509,518    |
| Cold Lake         | 1,170,532          | 1,169,406    |
| Coleman           | 1,042,325          | 1,035,165    |
| Coronation        | 1,013,918          | 1,091,500    |
| Daysland          | 779,513            | 786,979      |
| Devon             | 2,650,421          | 2,644,201    |
| Didsbury          | 1,766,746          | 1,860,374    |
| Drayton Valley    | 3,678,505          | 3,744,144    |
| Eckville          | 821,377            | 850,111      |
| Edson             | 4,560,335          | 4,869,883    |
| Elk Point         | 887,368            | 906,149      |
| Fairview          | 2,616,864          | 2,618,090    |
| Falher            | 964,926            | 1,043,849    |
| Fort Macleod      | 3,530,844          | 3,631,797    |
| Fort McMurray     | 1,622,600          | 2,813,248    |
| Fort Saskatchewan | 11,224,558         | 13,670,966   |
| Gleichen          | 470,790            | 469,892      |
| Grande Cache      | (Established 1966) | Nil          |
| Grand Centre      | 1,545,068          | 1,684,019    |
| Granum            | 409,488            | 398,520      |
| Grimshaw          | 1,592,921          | 1,717,540    |
| Hanna             | 3,416,898          | 3,034,899    |
| Hardisty          | 619,994            | 641,715      |
| High Level        | 734,321            | 716,970      |
| High Prairie      | 2,558,928          | 2,673,035    |
| High River        | 3,388,529          | 3,395,270    |
| Hinton            | 10,849,619         | 11,159,010   |
| Innisfail         | 3,444,947          | 3,587,188    |
| Irvine            | 294,047            | 253,180      |
| Killam            | 958,417            | 1,047,829    |
| Lac La Biche      | 1,667,863          | 1,806,126    |

|                      |                    |                |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Lacombe              | 4,617,268          | 4,738,285      |
| Leduc                | 4,056,678          | 4,203,118      |
| Lodgepole            | 333,097            | 332,166        |
| Magrath              | 1,327,406          | 1,323,891      |
| Manning              | 1,059,834          | 1,205,655      |
| Mayerthorpe          | 927,299            | 968,941        |
| McLennan             | 796,700            | 870,969        |
| Milk River           | 1,296,742          | 1,270,719      |
| Morinville           | 1,022,702          | 1,059,953      |
| Mundare              | 813,810            | 822,101        |
| Nanton               | 1,151,877          | 1,178,617      |
| Okotoks              | 1,144,763          | 1,054,890      |
| Olds                 | 4,329,212          | 4,522,823      |
| Oyen                 | 796,306            | 824,587        |
| Peace River          | 5,059,681          | 5,934,970      |
| Picture Butte        | 2,058,370          | 2,068,125      |
| Pincher Creek        | 3,747,582          | 3,766,778      |
| Ponoka               | 5,984,854          | 6,115,137      |
| Provost              | 1,830,923          | 1,924,933      |
| Rainbow Lake         | (Established 1966) | Nil            |
| Raymond              | 1,895,167          | 1,636,250      |
| Redcliff             | 3,255,829          | 2,988,937      |
| Redwater             | 1,420,070          | 1,322,347      |
| Rimbey               | 1,892,485          | 1,964,560      |
| Rocky Mountain House | 2,797,049          | 3,048,724      |
| Sedgewick            | 738,977            | 809,846        |
| Slave Lake           | 733,492            | 983,849        |
| Smoky Lake           | 1,102,929          | 1,130,060      |
| Spirit River         | 1,071,553          | 1,187,368      |
| Stavely              | 424,812            | 429,834        |
| Stettler             | 5,804,885          | 5,906,023      |
| St. Albert           | 13,268,625         | 15,036,787     |
| St. Paul             | 5,288,990          | 5,230,719      |
| Stony Plain          | 2,107,911          | 2,188,146      |
| Strathmore           | 1,260,925          | 1,284,744      |
| Sundre               | 703,904            | 759,973        |
| Swan Hills           | 907,094            | 998,613        |
| Sylvan Lake          | 2,167,648          | 2,055,570      |
| Taber                | 7,149,449          | 7,543,536      |
| Three Hills          | 1,855,539          | 1,915,897      |
| Tofield              | 1,279,587          | 1,299,587      |
| Trochu               | 1,064,152          | 1,051,994      |
| Two Hills            | 1,724,032          | 1,742,786      |
| Valleyview           | 1,412,116          | 1,618,098      |
| Vauxhall             | 954,989            | 1,098,423      |
| Vegreville           | 5,698,538          | 6,044,723      |
| Vermilion            | 4,316,887          | 4,400,501      |
| Viking               | 1,289,063          | 1,322,921      |
| Vulcan               | 2,222,536          | 2,273,416      |
| Wainwright           | 4,894,144          | 5,066,468      |
| Westlock             | 3,513,989          | 3,852,358      |
| Whitecourt           | 2,605,337          | 2,825,087      |
| Total                | \$ 232,520,202     | \$ 244,512,866 |

### VILLAGES

|                      |                     |            |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Acme                 | \$ 429,924          | \$ 454,672 |
| Airdrie              | 932,986             | 946,541    |
| Alberta Beach S. V.  | 896,841             | 914,442    |
| Alix                 | 759,079             | 772,386    |
| Alliance             | 504,763             | 495,547    |
| Amisk                | 144,206             | 140,413    |
| Andrew               | 774,186             | 778,863    |
| Argentia Beach S. V. | (Incorporated 1967) | 208,041    |
| Arrowwood            | 304,057             | 254,547    |
| Barons               | 545,410             | 527,336    |
| Bawlf                | 259,738             | 286,492    |
| Beiseker             | 561,876             | 567,895    |
| Bellevue             | 676,883             | 664,718    |
| Bentley              | 862,227             | 884,761    |
| Berwyn               | 400,292             | 427,830    |
| Betula Beach S. V.   | 42,692              | 41,607     |
| Big Valley           | 456,273             | 410,675    |

## VILLAGES (Cont'd)

|                        | 1966                | 1967    |                               |                     |               |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Bittern Lake           | 84,536              | 80,973  | Lakeview S. V.                | 29,192              | 29,395        |
| Blackfalds             | 819,871             | 828,823 | Lamont                        | 907,633             | 935,783       |
| Blackie                | 270,428             | 253,277 | Lavoy                         | 189,902             | 187,814       |
| Bon Accord             | 211,662             | 214,881 | Legal                         | 473,794             | 463,554       |
| Bonnyville Beach S. V. | 70,207              | 76,477  | Linden                        | 229,996             | 268,152       |
| Batha                  | 156,558             | 157,148 | Lomond                        | 341,077             | 337,011       |
| Bowden                 | 651,484             | 662,082 | Langview                      | 233,657             | 231,280       |
| Boyle                  | 669,674             | 705,376 | Laugheed                      | 268,034             | 275,307       |
| Breton                 | 399,391             | 416,718 | Ma-Me- $\bigcirc$ Beach S. V. | 551,267             | 568,134       |
| Bruderheim             | 398,867             | 402,922 | Mannville                     | 796,261             | 844,707       |
| Burdett                | 221,176             | 230,212 | Marwayne                      | 527,388             | 544,798       |
| Carbon                 | 510,216             | 502,805 | Millet                        | 447,499             | 441,726       |
| Carmangay              | 352,585             | 341,107 | Milo                          | 244,323             | 242,896       |
| Caroline               | 227,796             | 219,045 | Minburn                       | 160,093             | 158,485       |
| Castle Island S. V.    | 49,370              | 44,751  | Mirror                        | 334,554             | 343,208       |
| Cayley                 | 160,330             | 134,883 | Morrin                        | 331,378             | 324,814       |
| Cereal                 | 173,458             | 203,127 | Munson                        | 72,889              | 72,943        |
| Champion               | 493,660             | 487,328 | Myrnam                        | 607,068             | 589,613       |
| Chauvin                | 431,111             | 419,384 | Nakamun Park S. V.            | 70,158              | 62,750        |
| Chinook                | 106,838             | 105,452 | Nampa                         | 313,786             | 346,255       |
| Chipman                | 288,835             | 290,880 | New Norway                    | 269,475             | 270,628       |
| Clive                  | 269,944             | 269,134 | New Sarepta                   | 253,209             | 256,107       |
| Cluny                  | 229,751             | 229,053 | Nobleford                     | 614,028             | 625,154       |
| Clyde                  | 277,686             | 229,152 | Norglenwold S. V.             | 302,655             | 303,544       |
| Cochrane               | 996,297             | 989,082 | Onoway                        | 480,566             | 498,584       |
| Consort                | 657,021             | 683,276 | Paradise Valley               | 234,680             | 235,865       |
| Coutts                 | 644,590             | 644,477 | Penhold                       | 521,541             | 503,741       |
| Cowley                 | 203,891             | 206,048 | Plamondon                     | 185,891             | 184,066       |
| Craigmyle              | 153,455             | 124,666 | Point Alison S. V.            | 94,890              | 94,197        |
| Cremona                | 233,656             | 237,357 | Poplar Bay S. V.              | (Incorporated 1967) | 147,118       |
| Crossfield             | 641,343             | 600,853 | Radway                        | 310,378             | 293,066       |
| Crystal Springs S. V.  | 222,839             | 218,202 | Rachon Sands S. V.            | 92,343              | 90,425        |
| Czar                   | 213,166             | 193,065 | Rockyford                     | 433,593             | 426,398       |
| Delburne               | 444,910             | 438,677 | Rosalind                      | 295,414             | 247,963       |
| Delia                  | 433,282             | 416,232 | Rosemary                      | 227,354             | 241,619       |
| Derwent                | 406,142             | 411,812 | Ross Haven S. V.              | 185,658             | 225,994       |
| Dewberry               | 257,957             | 268,359 | Rumsey                        | 143,587             | 142,545       |
| Donalda                | 355,662             | 368,053 | Rycroft                       | 622,493             | 630,408       |
| Donnelly               | 240,897             | 280,886 | Ryley                         | 591,059             | 603,360       |
| Duchess                | 247,759             | 240,372 | Sandy Beach S. V.             | 193,644             | 156,386       |
| Eaglesham              | (Incorporated 1967) | 185,286 | Sangudo                       | 384,135             | 351,063       |
| Edberg                 | 186,120             | 182,417 | Seba Beach S. V.              | 626,026             | 628,766       |
| Edgerton               | 457,816             | 380,163 | Sexsmith                      | 707,141             | 727,582       |
| Edmonton Beach S. V.   | 155,045             | 109,719 | Silver Beach S. V.            | 258,601             | 256,778       |
| Elmira                 | 208,047             | 206,003 | Spruce Grove                  | 1,012,668           | 1,098,981     |
| Empress                | 417,982             | 413,933 | Standard                      | 399,034             | 411,011       |
| Entwistle              | 307,895             | 306,861 | Stirling                      | 278,551             | 276,117       |
| Evansburg              | 480,176             | 476,668 | Strome                        | 286,425             | 287,532       |
| Ferintosh              | 177,200             | 179,082 | Sunset Point S. V.            | 160,592             | 136,112       |
| Foremost               | 780,393             | 720,305 | Thorhild                      | 563,408             | 581,662       |
| Forestburg             | 727,000             | 742,395 | Thorsby                       | 899,867             | 946,215       |
| Fort Assiniboine       | 143,162             | 136,373 | Tilley                        | 263,916             | 276,706       |
| Frank                  | 178,367             | 175,120 | Torrington                    | 192,744             | 198,106       |
| Gadsby                 | 117,645             | 97,993  | Turner Valley                 | 467,382             | 459,944       |
| Galahad                | 265,398             | 263,766 | Val Quentin S. V.             | 156,430             | 135,972       |
| Ghost Lake S. V.       | 156,392             | 154,556 | Veteran                       | 312,603             | 311,483       |
| Gibbons                | 242,801             | 247,672 | Vilna                         | 457,168             | 460,572       |
| Girouxville            | 407,054             | 434,439 | Wanham                        | 269,172             | 280,230       |
| Glendon                | 333,026             | 368,236 | Warburg                       | 425,906             | 457,671       |
| Glenwood               | 261,218             | 189,948 | Warner                        | 717,060             | 710,503       |
| Golden Days S. V.      | 303,836             | 301,630 | Warspite                      | 223,355             | 216,146       |
| Grandview S. V.        | (Incorporated 1967) | 191,507 | Waskatenau                    | 364,334             | 360,273       |
| Grassy Lake            | 314,532             | 305,019 | Wembley                       | 238,959             | 243,236       |
| Gull Lake S. V.        | 316,790             | 295,477 | West Cove S. V.               | 152,495             | 159,384       |
| Hairy Hill             | 199,100             | 197,519 | Wildwood                      | 423,136             | 424,909       |
| Halkirk                | 190,958             | 156,992 | Willington                    | 650,500             | 634,627       |
| Hay Lakes              | 271,254             | 267,916 | Yellowstone S. V.             | 129,431             | 129,538       |
| Heisler                | 228,034             | 233,212 | Youngstown                    | 238,751             | 238,719       |
| Hillspring             | 174,674             | 124,172 | Total                         | \$ 59,931,836       | \$ 60,618,287 |
| Hines Creek            | 630,160             | 636,284 | <b>COUNTIES</b>               |                     |               |
| Holden                 | 815,905             | 834,061 | Grande Prairie #1             | \$ 12,409,278       | \$ 12,726,489 |
| Hughenden              | 291,664             | 296,693 | Vulcan #2                     | 17,649,975          | 17,723,285    |
| Hussar                 | 322,482             | 329,812 | Ponoka #3                     | 14,803,651          | 14,829,127    |
| Hythe                  | 656,696             | 602,296 | Newell #4                     | 13,824,129          | 14,451,540    |
| Innisfree              | 444,147             | 453,019 | Warner #5                     | 12,622,787          | 12,574,290    |
| Irma                   | 576,012             | 587,419 | Stettler #6                   | 19,109,166          | 18,479,261    |
| Irricana               | 186,494             | 187,846 | Thorhild #7                   | 10,973,274          | 10,024,490    |
| Island Lake S. V.      | 80,083              | 82,594  | Forty Mile #8                 | 14,951,000          | 14,946,732    |
| Itaska Beach S. V.     | 201,940             | 203,891 | Beaver #9                     | 13,806,163          | 13,768,963    |
| Kapasiwin S. V.        | 121,221             | 119,995 | Wetaskiwin #10                | 17,428,059          | 16,339,773    |
| Kinuso                 | 332,473             | 369,680 | Barhead #11                   | 6,830,742           | 6,822,228     |
| Kitscoty               | 348,713             | 351,514 |                               |                     | (To Page 6)   |



| COUNTIES (Cont'd)   |    | 1966          | 1967             | IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS |                    |                |
|---------------------|----|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Athabasca #12       |    | 6,631,720     | 6,870,360        | No. 8                 | 1,397,172          | \$ 1,376,784   |
| Smoky Lake #13      |    | 4,897,976     | 4,938,428        | No. 10                | 3,653,057          | 3,677,330      |
| Lacombe #14         |    | 20,539,566    | 21,122,107       | No. 11                | 12,360,288         | 12,316,415     |
| Wheatland #16       |    | 18,739,610    | 20,048,811       | No. 22                | 2,056,043          | 2,166,971      |
| Mountain View #17   |    | 24,608,934    | 28,037,600       | No. 24                | 2,251,347          | 2,239,651      |
| Paintearth #18      |    | 9,466,472     | 9,703,674        | No. 27                | 2,297,312          | 2,309,583      |
| St. Paul #19        |    | 7,014,236     | 7,772,200        | No. 33                | 390,567            | 378,586        |
| Strathcona #20      |    | 58,449,276    | 58,676,661       | No. 42                | 1,719,992          | 2,179,260      |
| Two Hills #21       |    | 9,177,880     | 9,133,756        | No. 46                | 8,148,340          | 8,070,379      |
| Camrose #22         |    | 20,344,840    | 20,404,024       | No. 50                | 78,607             | 81,973         |
| Red Deer #23        |    | 29,241,620    | 30,063,257       | No. 51                | 14,564,262         | 14,666,766     |
| Vermilion River #24 |    | 19,664,015    | 18,613,221       | No. 58                | 1,138,551          | 1,162,262      |
| Leduc #25           |    | 35,016,408    | 35,252,895       | No. 65                | 6,456,204          | 6,948,282      |
| Lethbridge #26      |    | 19,045,081    | 18,998,243       | No. 68                | 3,424,146          | 4,256,450      |
| Minburn #27         |    | 12,349,533    | 12,340,855       | No. 69                | 225,280            | 445,729        |
| Lac Ste. Anne #28   |    | 7,957,975     | 7,636,465        | No. 77                | 15,111,340         | 15,271,287     |
| Total               | \$ | 457,553,366   | \$ 462,298,735   | No. 78                | 13,659,193         | 14,956,280     |
| MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS |    |               |                  | No. 79                | 617,405            | 614,894        |
| Cardston #6         | \$ | 12,830,635    | \$ 12,879,123    | No. 80                | 7,892,081          | 7,906,667      |
| Pincher Creek #9    |    | 12,251,087    | 11,904,690       | No. 85                | 90,120             | 87,039         |
| Taber #14           |    | 11,639,733    | 12,061,185       | No. 95                | 6,170,340          | 6,258,160      |
| Willow Creek #26    |    | 15,480,508    | 15,550,016       | No. 96                | 222,066            | 248,684        |
| Foothills #31       |    | 21,298,398    | 21,175,993       | No. 97                | 46,085             | 46,784         |
| Acadia #34          |    | 2,527,657     | 2,512,356        | No. 101               | 746,170            | 791,435        |
| Rocky View #44      |    | 29,714,251    | 31,221,190       | No. 102               | 1,802,833          | 1,832,847      |
| Starland #47        |    | 8,124,354     | 10,666,900       | No. 107               | 934,082            | 1,110,228      |
| Kneehill #48        |    | 18,640,593    | 19,714,081       | No. 108               | 699,797            | 705,653        |
| Provost #52         |    | 10,579,173    | 10,763,976       | No. 109               | 9,560,587          | 11,650,610     |
| Wainwright #61      |    | 10,052,629    | 10,298,630       | No. 110               | 4,055,905          | 4,509,026      |
| Flagstaff #62       |    | 15,238,225    | 16,762,190       | No. 111               | 152,336            | 160,524        |
| Lamont #82          |    | 12,715,725    | 12,720,212       | No. 121               | 70,240             | 81,593         |
| Stony Plain #84     |    | 26,571,650    | 26,921,277       | No. 122               | 116,563            | 135,016        |
| Bonnyville #87      |    | 8,858,303     | 9,488,660        | No. 123               | 7,960,958          | 10,364,456     |
| Sturgeon #90        |    | 23,921,051    | 23,864,476       | No. 124               | 1,465,750          | 2,307,880      |
| Westlock #92        |    | 10,103,146    | 12,017,560       | No. 125               | 3,703,008          | 3,783,499      |
| Smoky River #130    |    | 5,169,167     | 5,281,972        | No. 126               | 3,995,695          | 4,153,270      |
| Spirit River #133   |    | 2,041,187     | 2,090,930        | No. 128               | 264,650            | 288,335        |
| Peace #135          |    | 3,182,363     | 2,911,371        | No. 129               | 509,110            | 1,025,286      |
| Fairview #136       |    | 3,388,727     | 3,391,062        | No. 131               | 2,076,590          | 1,790,685      |
| Total               | \$ | 264,328,562   | \$ 274,197,850   | No. 132               | 3,283,216          | 3,208,675      |
| SUMMARY             |    |               |                  | No. 134               | 3,450,531          | 3,792,466      |
| Municipalities      |    |               |                  | No. 138               | 3,321,085          | 3,432,181      |
| Cities              | \$ | 1,426,581,949 | \$ 1,492,643,507 | No. 139               | 4,338,348          | 4,425,330      |
| Towns               |    | 232,520,202   | 244,512,866      | No. 143               | 829,530            | 630,406        |
| Villages            |    | 59,931,836    | 60,618,287       | No. 144               | 295                | 295            |
| Counties            |    | 457,553,366   | 462,298,735      | No. 145               | 27,240             | 21,207         |
| M. D. 's            |    | 264,328,562   | 274,197,850      | No. 146               | 238,002            | 326,266        |
| I. D. 's            |    | 158,604,007   | 169,502,772      | No. 147               | 856,443            | 1,044,730      |
| Special Areas       |    | 29,974,097    | 31,139,468       | No. 148               | 40,165             | 29,304         |
| Grand Total         | \$ | 2,629,494,019 | \$ 2,734,913,485 | No. 149               | 134,750            | 149,473        |
|                     |    |               |                  | No. 150               | (Established 1967) | 85,880         |
|                     |    |               |                  | Total                 | \$ 158,604,007     | \$ 169,502,772 |
|                     |    |               |                  | SPECIAL AREAS         | \$ 29,974,097      | \$ 31,139,468  |

PROVINCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MUNICIPALITIES

FOR THE EIGHTEEN YEARS ENDING MARCH 31, 1951 TO MARCH 31, 1968

|  | April 15 years<br>Apr.1/50 to Mar. 31/65<br>Actual | Actual<br>1965-66 | 1966-67<br>Revised<br>Estimated | 1967-68<br>Estimated | Total<br>18 years |
|--|--|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  |  |                   |                                 |                      |                   |
| 1. Education:  |  |                   |                                 |                      |                   |
| Operation Grants to Schools  | \$ 499,840,958                                     | \$ 79,501,795     | \$101,680,000                   | \$121,826,000        | \$ 802,848,753    |
| Construction Grants to Schools   | 8,507,700  |                   |                                 |                      | 8,507,700         |
| Grants to Technical Schools (net)  | 11,039,391   | 4,501,685         | 9,275,060                       | 6,500,000            | 31,386,336        |
| Grants to Teachers' Pension Fund   | 4,410,039  | 733,516           | 1,500,000                       | 1,800,000            | 8,443,565         |
| Employer's contribution to Canada Pension Plan   |  |                   | 1,300,000                       | 1,800,000            | 3,100,000         |
| 2. Public Health:  |  |                   |                                 |                      |                   |
| Hospital Construction Grants   | 13,236,273   | 2,344,193         | 4,976,800                       | 2,580,000            | 23,137,266        |
| Health Services Grants   | 6,133,599  | 902,850           | 1,174,000                       | 1,337,000            | 9,547,449         |
| 3. Highways:   |  |                   |                                 |                      |                   |
| Grants for roads, bridges and other structures   | 175,657,089  | 20,481,646        | 25,505,000                      | 27,600,000           | 249,243,735       |
| 4. Treasury:   |  |                   |                                 |                      |                   |
| Grants in lieu of taxes  | 5,356,539  | 1,642,800         | 1,800,000                       | 1,800,000            | 10,600,439        |
| Municipal Assistance Grants  | 182,551,166  | 10,926,000        | 22,637,017                      | 25,083,204           | 227,619,387       |
| Grants to Police Stations  | 1,132,580  | 111,333           | 10,000                          |                      | 1,253,913         |
| 5. Attorney General's Department:  |  |                   |                                 |                      |                   |
| Remission of fines collected under The Alberta Liquor Act  | 2,376,459  | 285,855           | 270,000                         | 150,000              | 3,092,314         |
| 6. Public Welfare:   |  |                   |                                 |                      |                   |
| Indigent Relief  | 26,163,476   | 2,482,032         | 3,300,000                       | 3,200,000            | 35,145,508        |
| 7. Lands and Forests Department:   |  |                   |                                 |                      |                   |
| Refunds of cultivation and grazing leases  | 6,238,840  | 475,679           | 475,569                         | 530,000              | 7,717,128         |
| 8. Provincial Secretary:   |  |                   |                                 |                      |                   |
| Recreation Grants  | 3,880,530  | 213,602           | 1,000                           |                      | 4,095,132         |
| Confidential Grants  |  | 84,063            | 1,000,000                       | 708,750              | 1,792,813         |
| 9. Municipal Affairs:  |  |                   |                                 |                      |                   |
| Winter Works Incentive Program   | 7,223,895  | 1,228,936         | 1,500,000                       | 1,500,000            | 11,482,831        |
| TOTAL: Direct Financial Assistance   | \$1,018,628,523                                    | \$131,923,485     | \$176,421,446                   | \$196,326,954        | \$1,523,300,416   |
| INDIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:   |  |                   |                                 |                      |                   |
| General Hospitalization for all residents and medical services for Pensioners, Pello, Cancer, etc. | \$ 331,871,069                                     | \$ 51,187,538     | \$ 83,866,870                   | \$ 94,643,615        | \$ 561,569,092    |
| TOTAL: Direct and Indirect Financial Assistance  | \$1,350,499,594                                    | \$183,111,023     | \$260,288,316                   | \$290,970,569        | \$2,084,869,502   |
| ASSISTANCE BY LOANS:   |  |                   |                                 |                      |                   |
| 1. Self Liquidating Projects Act   | \$ 21,894,279                                      | \$                | \$                              | \$                   | \$ 21,894,279     |
| 2. Municipal Capital Expenditure Loans Act   | 125,000,000  |                   |                                 |                      | 125,000,000       |
| 3. Municipal Land Loans Act  |  |                   |                                 |                      | 5,000,000         |
| 4. Other Municipal Loans   | 68,099,472   | 192,600           | 341,834                         | 5,000,000            | 68,633,906        |
| 5. School Construction Loans   | 82,638,963   |                   |                                 |                      | 82,638,963        |
| Total  | \$ 297,732,714                                     | \$ 192,600        | \$ 341,834                      | \$ 5,000,000         | \$ 303,267,148    |

## THE HISTORY AND PRACTICE OF...

**LICENSING MOBILE EQUIPMENT**

From a Talk Given by Mr. James Thomson to Departmental Field Office Assistants during their Conference in Edmonton

It is interesting to trace the history of licensing Mobile Equipment in Alberta. Individual municipalities assessed this type of equipment as personal property before 1954. The mill rates differed in various municipalities, so that with two persons having identical units, one might pay more than his neighbour depending on the mill rate. The Mobile Construction Equipment Licensing Act and the Seismographic Recording and Drilling Equipment Licensing Act came into force on April 2, 1953. These new Acts made the fees uniform throughout the Province and transferred administration from the municipalities to the Department of Municipal Affairs. Within the Department, the Assessment Branch, under Mr. J.B. Laidlaw, was the first branch responsible, but administration was later transferred to the Accounts Branch, under Mr. D.R. Watson. In 1959 those two Acts were rescinded and combined under one Act called the Mobile Equipment Licensing Act. The word "construction" was removed to broaden the scope of equipment that could be licensed.

At that time, no notices of payment were mailed out for the following year as is done today. All operations connected with the distribution of the fees collected each year were done entirely in our Accounts Office. The five-part billing form we use today was designed when the two Acts were combined in 1959. This form is completed in the Data Centre Machine Room of the Treasury Department and then sent to the Department of Municipal Affairs, where the top copy, which is the application form, is mailed out to the various companies or individuals. The balance of the form is filed until the top copy is returned as an application with the proper remittance. The registration certificate and plate is then mailed out. The checking of the distribution forms is also done within the Accounts Branch, but the annual calculation of the distribution is handled by the Data Processing Branch of the Provincial Auditor's Office.

The price list consisted of 16 pages when we first started. Now we have approximately 481 pages and new units appearing every day. Collections from about 3,000 accounts had amounted to approximately \$650,000 at the end of October, 1966.

**Licenses:**

The license fee under the terms of the two 1953 Acts was based on \$12 per \$1,000 and on depreciation factors. The current unit price is based on an estimate of the 1959 unit cost and each year we use a fresh factor to convert the 1959 figures to the present cost.

The full license fee is charged up to September 30 when a 50% reduction goes into effect. On November 30, a 75% reduction is given. A reduction can only be given if the equipment is not worked prior to the reduction date in the current year.

We require the following information on an application for license: make, model, serial number and year of manufacture.

If a license plate is lost or destroyed, another plate may be issued upon payment of \$1.00 accompanied by a Statutory Declaration setting out the facts.

**Permits:**

A permit fee is always 25% of the license fee regardless of the time in the year.

If a permit is purchased, we require information on the actual location of the unit together with the date the permit is to begin, in addition to the information required for a license application.

Permits are valid for a period of 30 days or less. The permit and one renewal permit may be purchased but after that a license must be obtained, with the cost of the permits being credited to the license fee.

**Transfers:**

Licenses can be transferred from one person to another, but cannot be transferred from one unit to another unit.

**Refunds:**

We must receive the plate and registration certificate as well as a Statutory Declaration setting out the facts in order for us to consider an application for refund. If the unit operated over 60 days, no refund can be considered.

**Inspections:**

Four inspectors under the Director of Field Service, Mr. A.R. Isbister, are constantly in the field checking on equipment operating and issuing tickets when necessary.

An election is like a horse race in that you can tell more about it the next day.

Sir John A. Macdonald

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JAMES THOMSON

Jim is married with three sons and one daughter. Musically inclined, he plays in a band and is a member of the Edmonton Scottish Society.

**DMA BUDGET  
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recovered from the Federal Government.

The Department provides assistance and supervision in assessments in municipalities and it is estimated that this service will cost \$1,703,050.

Main source of revenue is expected to be \$10,900,000 from municipalities as their contribution to the hospital insurance plan. The rate will remain at 4 mills on the equalized assessment, but due to an increase in total assessment, this estimated revenue is \$360,000 more than the previous year.

**One-third of Oil and Gas Royalties:**

Unconditional grants amounting to \$25,085,204 will be made to municipalities from the Treasury Department. This amount is based on one-third of the oil and gas royalties received by the Province in the previous calendar year.

The home owner's tax discount of \$50.00 on the taxes on owner-occupied eligible residences in the Province will be continued at a cost of \$12,000,000 to the Treasury. The reduction of \$3,000,000 from last year's appropriation merely reflects a closer calculation of the amount required after a year's experience.

The new Municipal Land Loans Act passed at this Session of the Legislature provides for \$5,000,000 to be made in loans to municipalities for the acquisition of land for freeways and expressways and for urban renewal.

**Northern Alberta Development Council:**

During the past year the Northern Alberta Development Council spent about \$5,000,000, primarily on airstrips, market roads into homestead areas, highways, health facilities, water control and distribution, and research, with excellent progress being made.

During the 1967-68 fiscal year a further sum of \$5,500,000 has been allocated to permit the Council to continue its program to accelerate development of northern Alberta transportation systems and facilities. The Council will also continue its plan of water control and distribution with emphasis on the improvement of water supplies in some northern communities.

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**A NICKEL FOR YOUR THOUGHTS**

Remember when the nickel used to be a pretty useful coin? There was a time when it would pay for a phone call, a fairly good cigar, and a cup of coffee in the fanciest restaurant in town. In Grandpa's day, he could buy a glass of beer for a nickel and get a free lunch to boot.

Lately, the dime has replaced the nickel in most minor transactions. Sometimes it takes both a dime and a nickel to accomplish what the nickel formerly could do alone.

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In the municipal elections held October 19th, 1966, there were 44 candidates for 12 aldermanic vacancies in Edmonton. In Calgary 21 candidates for alderman bid for 6 vacancies. 8 hopefuls sought 4 seats in Red Deer.

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## LONG IN THE SERVICE



GLEN GROVER, well known member of the Special Areas Board in Hanna, was honored Tuesday, April 11 by members of the staff, government officials and fellow employees upon his retirement from service. He has been succeeded by John Pokojoy. Glen was recipient of a handsome "lazy boy" chair presented by Mr. Angus Morrison, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs. Shown enjoying the initial comforts of the gift is Glen, while (L to R) are Mr. Morrison, Chas. Edwards, chairman of the Board, and members Andy Duff and John Pokojoy.

## RETIREES AFTER 25 YEARS

Recent changes in personnel of the Special Areas Board at Hanna, saw Glen Grover retire from service after twenty-five years and his position assumed by John Pokojoy, another veteran member of the Areas staff.

Glen, with his wife Hazel and family, first came to Hanna in the early thirties from the Halkirk-Castor district where they were already well known and esteemed citizens. In 1942, Glen started with the Special Areas on road construction out of Hanna and in 1951 was transferred to Oyen as a field man. In 1959 he returned to Hanna as a member of the Special Areas Board, a position he held until retirement on April 3rd.

In recognition of his long and valued service, members of the Special Areas staff at Hanna and from other sub offices, along with provincial government officials and Hanna citizens, staged a get-together for Glen and his wife on Tuesday evening, April 11. The lounge of the Memorial Hall was the scene of the gathering at which both were honored prior to their departure for residence in Calgary, at 2414 Pinewood Drive South East.

During the evening A.A. Hutton extended best wishes from residents of Hanna, while Mr. Bruce Dawson of Buffalo extended felicitations on behalf of the Special Areas Advisory Board. On behalf of the lady members of the Areas staff, Mrs. Nora Jones presented Mrs. Grover with a lovely bouquet of roses.

During their lengthy residence in Hanna and Oyen both Glen and his wife became widely known for their activities in public affairs as well as in the field of sports. Both were ardent curlers and in recent years were keenly interested in golf. To the "oldtimers" Glen is best known for his ability as a baseball player. In the days when the game enjoyed greater popularity and demanded greater skill than it does now, Glen was widely known all over east central and central Alberta as one of the best catchers in amateur ranks. For years he was a valuable member of the old Hanna Cubs baseball club, which managed by Bill McCoy and the late Bill Wall, carved an enviable record in local baseball circles, a highlight of which was winning the Red Deer Valley league title in the late '30's. He continued to play baseball until recent years when the game diminished in popularity and he took up the less strenuous sport of golfing and curling.

Noted also as one of the best bridge players in this area, Glen was the favorite partner at tournaments or casual foursomes, never having been known to "trump his partner's ace!" Hunting was another favorite with Glen and through this sport he gained an even wider circle of staunch friends. Well known also in the fraternity of Free Masonry, he was a prominent member of the Oyen Lodge A.F. and A.M. and the Hanna Chapter Royal Arch Masons, in both of which he contributed much time and effort.

The departure of Glen and his wife from Hanna and the Special Areas in general, will be regretted by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who join in wishing them both many years of good health, contentment and happiness in their new surroundings at Calgary.

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## SPECIAL AREAS

### BOARD MEMBER NAMED

The appointment of John Pokojoy, 55, as member of the Special Areas Board was announced in April by Hon. A. J. Hooke, Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Mr. Pokojoy started his services with the Municipal District of Cereal No. 242 at Oyen in 1937. After the Special Areas were formed in 1939 with the Municipal District of Cereal becoming part of the Special Areas, John Pokojoy was transferred to the Hanna Office in 1940, in the capacity of Lease Clerk and later as Chief Clerk.



JOHN POKOJOY

He spent three and a half years at Consort as Fieldman, and returned to Hanna in 1961 to assume the position of Fieldman-Assessor, which he held until the present time. Mr. Pokojoy is the only original member of the staff still working for the Special Areas. His knowledge and wide experience in municipal work will be invaluable to the special areas. The Special Areas Board administers local government affairs for the residents of some five million acres in south eastern Alberta.

John Pokojoy was raised in Oyen, where he received his elementary and high school education. He completed a Business Course at Garbutt's Business College, Calgary, and also attained a diploma in Canadian Modern Accountancy. He holds a certificate in Assessment and Appraisal from the University of Alberta.

Mr. Pokojoy is a long time member of the Hanna-Youngstown branch of his Civil Service Association, being its first President. He also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, is Past President of the Hanna Lions Club and is a member of St. George's Catholic Church in Hanna. Married to the former Ruth Ort of Garden Plains, their only son Jack is attending SAIT, Calgary, taking Electronics.

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## BANFF COURSES JUNE 4 - 10

The 29th Annual Refresher Course in Municipal and School Administration has been set for the week of June 4 - 10.

School Secretaries will register Sunday, June fourth. Rural and urban municipal secretary-treasurers and managers will register June seventh.

All sessions end at noon Saturday, June 10th.





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